



GOOD
FRIDAY

April 2, 2021 - Good Friday Service

“Light Out of the Darkness”

IMPORTANT WORSHIP NOTES: *If you desire to leave an offering, the offering trays will be set up at the entry into the sanctuary. You may leave your offering there before or after worship. Following the service you are asked to remain silent, even in the parking lot as you go to your cars.*

We will wait until Sunday to visit and celebrate.

AS WE GATHER

Typically, ***confession and forgiveness*** are declared at the beginning of each worship service. This evening **the entire service** is one of confession of sins in that it is Good Friday; the day Christ took upon Himself our sins. We gather here tonight to acknowledge that if not for Christ and the Cross, we would remain in spiritual **DARKNESS**.

“Sorrow and love flow mingled down’... (St. 3: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”). There are many images for Good Friday, images of death and life, of piercing **darkness** and inextinguishable light. The service of Good Friday, in holy solemnity, combines elements of sorrow and love, despair and victory, death and life. This liturgy, with the whole Church, confesses the brutal completion of Jesus’ saving work on the cross in the ancient Order of **Tenebrae**, the liturgy of **darkness**.

The announcement of the Resurrection is a few days away ...

GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER (Before Service Begins)

Almighty God, we, who are weak ask You, who are strong, to graciously sustain us, for whom Christ was scourged, mocked, and betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners to be crucified upon the cross, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe. You have poured out upon us Your never-ending love by giving Your Son, Jesus Christ unto death on the cross. Give us grace to know nothing except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Strengthen the ministry of Your holy Church that we, Your people, may confess the dying love of Christ to all people; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

HYMN***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross – LSB 425***

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a tribute far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

First Reading: Look at the Man!

HYMN***Lamb of God, Pure and Holy – LSB 434***

Lamb of God, pure and holy,
Who on the cross didst suffer,
Ever patient and lowly,
Thyself to scorn didst offer.

All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

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All sins Thou borest for us,
Else had despair reigned o'er us:
Thy peace be with us, O Jesus! O Jesus!

SECOND READING: On the way to Calvary (Golgotha, Skull Place)

VOCAL SOLO – *Via Dolorosa* – Catherine Russell

THIRD READING: “They Crucified Him There” at “Nine in the Morning”

HYMN ***Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted – LSB 451***

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted,
See Him dying on the tree!

'Tis the Christ, by man rejected;
Yes, my soul, 'tis He, 'tis He!
'Tis the long-expected Prophet,
David's Son, yet David's Lord;
Proofs I see sufficient of it:
'Tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear Him groaning,
Was there ever grief like His?
Friends through fear His cause disowning,
Foes insulting His distress;
Many hands were raised to wound Him,
None would intervene to save;
But the deepest stroke that pierced Him
Was the stroke that justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly
Nor suppose the evil great
Here may view its nature rightly,
Here its guilt may estimate.
Mark the sacrifice appointed,
See who bears the awful load;
'Tis the Word, the Lord's anointed,
Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation,
Here the refuge of the lost:
Christ, the Rock of our salvation,
Is the name of which we boast;
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded,

Sacrifice to cancel guilt!
None shall ever be confounded
Who on Him their hope have built.

FOURTH READING: Jesus' first statement from the cross

HYMN *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded – LSB 449*

O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
O sacred Head, what glory,
What bliss, till now was Thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered
Was all for sinners' gain;
Mine, mine was the transgression,
But Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve Thy place;
Look on me with Thy favor,
And grant to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?

O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

Be Thou my consolation,
My shield, when I must die;
Remind me of Thy passion
When my last hour draws nigh.
Mine eyes shall then behold Thee,
Upon Thy cross shall dwell,
My heart by faith enfold Thee.
Who dieth thus dies well.

FIFTH READING: Jesus' second statement from the cross

VOCAL SOLO – *The Old Rugged Cross* – Catherine Russell

SIXTH READING: Jesus' third statement from the cross

CHOIR SONG ***Behold, it is Finished***


HYMN ***Upon the Cross Extended – LSB 453***



1 Up - on the cross ex - tend - ed See, world, your
3 Who is it, Lord, that bruised You? Who has so



Lord sus - pend - ed. Your Sav - ior yields His breath.
sore a - bused You And caused You all Your woe?

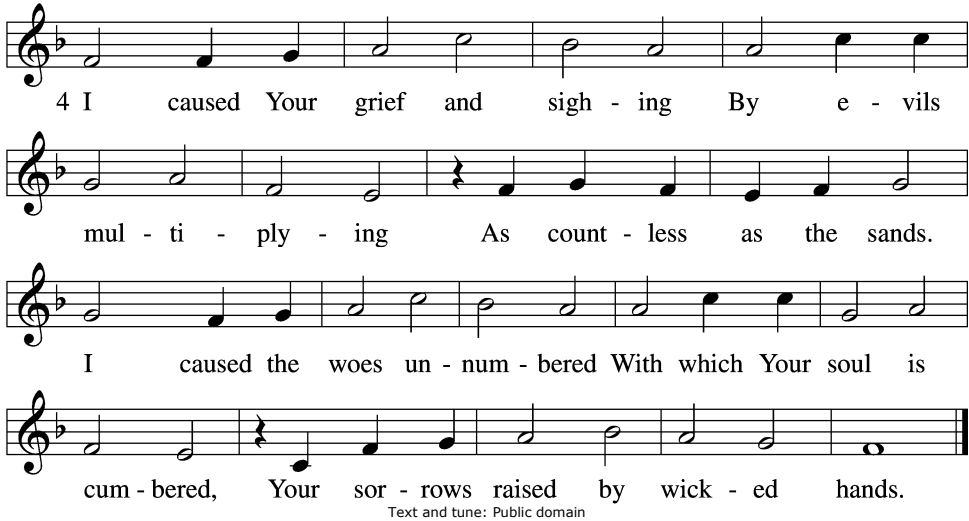


The Prince of Life from heav - en Him - self has free - ly
 We all must make con - fes - sion Of sin and dire trans -
 giv - en To shame and blows and bit - ter death.
 gres - sion While You no ways of e - vil know.

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SEVENTH READING: Jesus' fourth, fifth, and sixth statements from the Cross – about “three in the afternoon”

HYMN STANZA *Upon the Cross Extended – LSB 453*



4 I caused Your grief and sigh - ing By e - vils
 mul - ti - ply - ing As count - less as the sands.
 I caused the woes un - num - bered With which Your soul is
 cum - bered, Your sor - rows raised by wick - ed hands.

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CONCLUSION! **Good Friday Medley ... “It is finished”**

BOOK SLAMS! PASTORS DEPART

You are asked to remain silent, even in the parking lot as you go to your cars.

IT'S FRIDAY ... BUT SUNDAY'S COMING!!!



Easter Sunday Services

Easter Sunrise

6:30 PM

Easter Worship

8:00 AM

9:30 AM

10:45 AM

